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Letter dated 20 May 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Luxembourg to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the French and English texts of the statement on Western Sahara issued by the Community and its member States on 17 May 1991 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 99 of the preliminary list.

(Signed) Jean FEYDER
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Statement on Western Sahara

The Community and its Member States welcome the adoption by the United Nations Security Council of resolution 690 (1991) approving the report of the Secretary-General on the referendum to be held concerning the self-determination of the Saharan people. They believe this represents an important step towards a just and lasting settlement of the conflict in Western Sahara.

They also confirm their firm support for the Secretary-General's efforts to implement the final stages of his plan.